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To The Dallas News:

The Columntator is mistaken if he is "convinced that Washington sadly needs another Joe McCarthy to expose the continuing success of saboteurs roosting throughout our government efforts."

Few things could serve Moscow's efforts better than a mass hunt for "saboteurs" complete with publicity and television to reassure such Cassandras as the Columntator.

We have made mistakes, and we need to correct them. If our reverses, as the Columntator suggests, result from Communist infiltration, we need capable investigators working quietly and effectively. We already have them. Has the Columntator lost confidence in the loyalty of such men as J. Edgar Hoover, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Allen Dulles and Robert Kennedy?

But if our defeats are caused by our own miscalculations and mistakes, as in Laos and Cuba, then a vigilante campaign for "saboteurs" merely conceals the real disease and insures that we will make the same mistakes again. Nothing could suit the Kremlin better.

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